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EDITORIAL OPINION

LOOK OUT FOR THE WEEK-END WRECKER

If you're going to use the family limousine this Saturday or Sunday, you'll want to keep a sharp look-out for the Week-end Wrecker. The Week-end Wrecker last year caused more than two-fifths of all deaths due to traffic accidents.

Mr. Wrecker is an average fellow most of the time. A good family man, he holds down a steady job and is well liked in his neighborhood. He's careful with nearly all his personal affairs, but the trouble is that once out on the open highway he throws common sence out the car window.

In 1953, the Week-end Wrecker killed 15,830 people and injured a total of 774,700. In two days' time he slaughters nearly as many persons as die from traffic accidents during the other five days of the week.

It doesn't make any difference how much safety is engineered into our roads and streets. It makes no difference what the automobile manufacturer does to put extra safety into a motor vehicle. The Wrecker will still manage to pile up his auto and the persons inside.

So here's a weekday tip to all motorists. If you're planning a highway junket this week-end, be sure to drive at a reasonable speed and to observe the rules of the road. Don't you be a Week-end Wrecker.

THE WORLD'S HUNGER

(The New York Times)

In the most optimistic report it has yet issued, the Food and Agricultural Organization has reported that last year, for once, the world's food production rose more rapidly than did population. The increase related to population, was slight however, and hundreds of millions of persons still experienced hunger as a present reality or near threat. Aggravating the problem, of course, is the fact that the increase of production did not always coincide with the areas of chief need, so that, while 'surplusses" piled up in some countries, many in other lands suffered from lack of food.

The truth, of course, is that from the world-wide point of view there are no food surpluses. Such surpluses seem to exist only because in the areas where hunger is widespread those affected do not have the purchasing power to buy the food they need. Government policies also help to explain the present-day paradox of unsalable stocks of food in some countries while millions are hungry elsewhere. In the Soviet Union, for erample, the need for grain is officially admitted, but instead of buying foreign grain—or which an abundance is available—the Government has chosen to devote vast resources to plowing up large areas of marginal land in the hope of future great increases in grain production.

Today's neo-Malthusians argue that world population is now increasing so rapidly that it is unlikely food production the world over can ever be sufficient for the rapidly growing numbers inhabiting the earth. Whether this is so is perhaps debatable, since the birth rate tends to drop as industrialization spreads and there are important means for increasing food production—the exploitation of the still vast resources of the sea, for example—which are still far from adequately utilized.

But certainly the coexistence of starvation and malnutrition in some areas with "surpluses" of food in others is a primary challenge to the conscience and the ingenuity of all the world. In the struggle for world peace and understanding among peoples the West has a major resourse in the stocks of food which have been and are being accumulated in the effort to keep farm prices higher than the coincidence of effective demand and total supply would otherwise permit.

FAILURE IN EUROPE?

The failure of the Brussels Conference is the worst news we have received in quite some time. It seems incredible, at this distance, that the governments of Western Europe were unable to hammer out agreement on EDC. The collapse of the conference can be pinned to the stubbornness of the French Prime Minister, with side angles of lack of enthusiasm in Italy and in England. It is also a major defeat for the foreign policy of the present Administration in Washington.

We must now act swiftly to "save West Germany" for the democratic side in the cold war.

In order to present background material, we reprint below a discussion of the issues of the conference, written just before the conference met. Although post-dated now, this discussion will enable our readers to understand just what was at stake.

The salavation of Western Europe lies in steps toward federation. To return to the centuries old rivalry of small states means endless war not only on that ill-fated continent, but for the world.

ON MAKING EUROPE

(Washington Post)

It is now pretty plain that the protocols' which Pierre Mendes-France is carrying in his pocket to the six-power meeting at Brussels would emasculate the treaty setting up the European Defense Community. The changes that he will propose when the conference opens on Thursday would rob the Community of its supranational character. This much is now clear from what has leaked to the press from the officials in France as well as in the other conference countries who have seen either the full draft or enough of the contents to come to judgment.

The alarm which was first sounded in the Low Countries—curiously, in view of the fact that those countries were the first to shrink from a federal solution—has been echoed by Bonn. Protests are being raised ahead of the meeting because in the circumstances the French proposals can be likened only to Hamlet without the Prince. What appears to be missing is the organic character of the undertaking—that is to say, the supranational or European body to which the command of the proposed European army would be responsible. The real merit of the EDC was that it was intended to lay the foundation for the political organization of Europe.

If the above surmise about the Mendes-France proposals is indeed the case, the French Premier has watered down an idea upon which are focused the hopes of millions of Europeans. Even in France poll after poll has shown that the people are back of it. They know to their sorrow—a sorrow produced by two world wars—that the national system of Europe is bankrupt. If it is not absorbed by some kind of federation, that system will again spell cataclysm—that they also know in their marrow.

However, the people have to contend with vested interests, including the entrenched bureaucracies of foreign offices, which see emoluments and jobs endangered. To them a federative system is not the opportunity for free peoples to lead a fuller and peaceful life but the grave of their little principalities. Among those vested interests, in virtue of their ownership of office and power, can impede the democratic process. For there has been ample demonstration in Europe, to repeat, of what the great Spanish thinker Ortega calls a "spontaneous secretion" upon which a new and effective society could flourish.

Why, then, should Mendes-France seek to foist on the other five members of the inchoate Community this massive fraud upon the people—his own people particularly? He, after all, is a popular choice—the first since De Gaulle and the Liberation. He is one of those great democratic leaders, moreover, who is without a trace of demogogy. The explanation is given that the protocols represent to Mendes-France the lowest common denominator with which he can obtain ratification of EDC from the National Assembly. He may be right—he is an astute politician, using the word in its best sense.

However, this new tactic is not a familiar part of the Prime Minister's dynamic makeup. Hithertoo he has relied upon the mobilization of public opinion acting upon the National Assembly. And this technique has hithertoo succeeded. Why not rely upon the technique again, instead of thinking only of the votes in the Assembly without reference to the public outside?

Mendes-France is to be commended for fixing a date for debate—August 28. The issue is a foregone conclusion in the affirmative if the protocols are added to the treaty as now explained, for this EDC would be simply another cooperative group to add to the clutter which is now impeding rational organization. But if Mendes-France, faced by the opposition of the Brussels powers to his emasculated version of a noble conception, restores the EDC to its organic whole, he might again rally the Assembly with the force of public opinion. United Europe would then be on the way. Anyway, the German problem cannot wait any longer for a French decision.

IVAN'S PANTS ARE FALLING DOWN

(Industrial News Review)

"The Soviet male is in danger of having his pants fall down because of shortages of suspenders and buttons," says a recent AP dispatch from Moscow, describing the trials and tributlations Russian shoppers are now undergoing. And the dispatch is based on high authority.. Soviet-Trade, the official newspaper of the ministry which runs all the stores in the country.

It seems that the volume, variety and quality of all manner of goods have been decreasing, despite all the late government propaganda about giving consumers a better break. The commonest wares are in short supply .. sewing needles, hairpins garters, shaving gear, belt buckles cosmetics, elastic items and so on and so on. And some of these goods Soviet-Trade says, are obtainable from speculators and black market operators who operate out of suitcases and briefcases on the streets right in front of the empty stores.

Under communism, or any other totalitarian system, there is no true competition as we know it in either manufacturing or retailing. There is no incentive to do a better job. Everything is run by decree, and the red-tape involved is incredible. The result is poor goods, shortages of goods, excessively-priced goods.

American factories produce what the people want, or they go out of business.Competition keeps the price equitable.

Senate Leader Praises Robertson

(The Staunton News-Leader)

Senator A. Willis Robertson has received a personal note from Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, Democratic leader in the Senate, praising his part in the debate of the Atomic Energy Bill. Wrote Senator Johnson:

That was a splendid contribution that you made to the debate on the Atomic Energy Bill and I want to express my deep gratitude for the role you played. You stated basic fundamentals upon which our party is based and your appeal was deeply moving. Virginia, as the home of Jefferson, is truly the birthplace of the Democratic Party and Virginia must be proud to know that spirit still lives in the Senate through men like Willis Robertson.

This is but one of many expressions of praise of Senator Robertson during the current session. ... effective both on the floor and in committee, speaking with eloquence and always with command of the facts. In the debate on the Atomic Energy Bill, he argued powerfully for compulsory cross-licensing of atomic devices under provisions for participation of private enterprise in future development.

He attacked insertion of the phrase "so far as practicable" to qualify the clause giving rural electric cooperatives, municipalities and other public agencies preference with respect to any power developed by a plant built and operated by the government. He took the position that the bill must include sure safeguards against monopoly ... The text of his argument is on Page 13659, Congressional Record, Aug. 13.

The bill as passed included ... ing of companies for atomic development for a period of five years ... the preference provision with "as far as practicable" clause ... Senator Robertson denounced ... en out.

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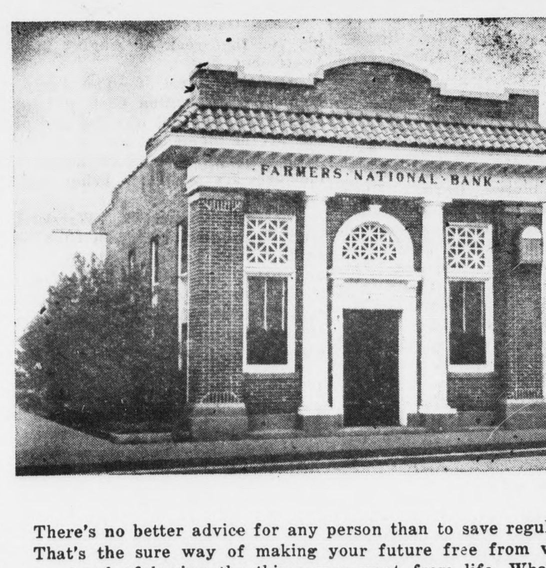

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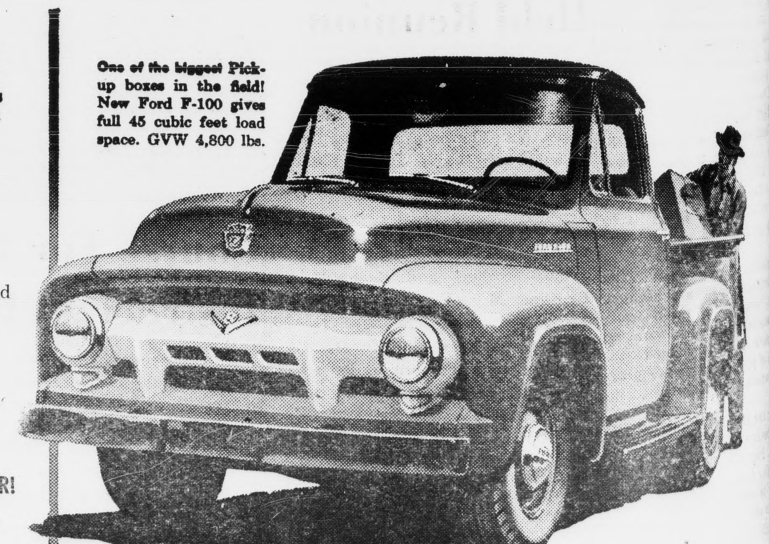

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Skilled Workers Dominate Labor Forces in United States

Industrialization and technology have brought a pronounced change in the skill and makeup of the American working population, with far-reaching social and economic consequences, according to data compiled by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Perhaps the most dramatic of these developments has been the diminishing role of the unskilled laborer, once such a familiar and important part of the American scene. In 1910, for example, common laborers represented close to a fifth of the entire male nonfarm labor force and outnumbered the craftsmen or skilled workers, by more than a million.

Since then the number of unskilled workers has fallen by nearly a million while the skilled workers have shown a big increase. As a result, unskilled laborers make up only one-twelfth of the male nonfarm labor force in 1950, and they were outnumbered by the craftsmen by a margin of more than two million.

Big Factor in Progress

The number of skilled workers nearly doubled in the 1910-50 period, but the biggest gain has occurred in the semiskilled group in which the typical machine operator is classified. There were some five million more semi-skilled male workers in 1950 than in 1910, and the group as a whole now makes up about 20 per cent of the male nonfarm working population as against 11 per cent in the early part of this century.

This growth in the skill of the work force has contributed much to the progress of the economy and to the well-being of millions of Americans and their families. Earnings of skilled and semiskilled workers are naturally greater than those of common laborers, and this has been reflected in their standard of living and the great increase in their ownership of life insurance and other savings. Such workers are more productive as well, and this fact combined with the vast investment in new plant and machinery over the years, has helped to make our production record possible.

The overall change in the composition of the labor force over the last four decades has been accompanied by some striking shifts within the groups themselves, notably among the skilled workers.

New Job Opportunities

These changes have created new job opportunities. For example the newer trades like airplane, auto and radio mechanics, tool and die makers, etc. have grown faster than the population as a whole. A number of the older trades also have benefitted from modern living and the demand for the comforts and conveniences so characteristic of our society. Among these are electricians, plumbers, and upholsterers.

By contrast, some trades with a long history seem to be gradually disappearing. There are now fewer than a fifth as many blacksmiths as there were in 1910, and less than half as many tailors. Both of these were in the top ten a generation ago.

The biggest single group of skilled workers is the carpenter. Whatever the effect of the d'o-it-yourself' movement, carpenters still outnumber any of the other craftsmen, and have as far back as records go.

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Mr. Titus Beasley is spending the summer in the home of his brother, Mr. Grover Beasley.

Mr. T. C. Harvey and family and Mrs. Ida T. Morris visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Warters and Misses Mae and Ada Harvey on Sunday. Miss Mae continues ill.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C Harvey Saturday night.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs Harry Jenkins and hope for her a speedy recovery.

Chick Chats

The worming of pullets at housing time is a profitable practice of many poultrymen. Pullets have had the opportunity to pick up worms on the range. These parasites multiply and infect the entire flock in a short time.

Worms seriously hinder feed assimilation, growth and laying. Worms weaken the bird against attacks of other diseases. Many poultry raisers are willing to accept worms as a chronic condition, but this is poor management since severe infections by certain species do a tremendous amount of harm.

Tablet Worming

Individual worming with tablets can be done easily at housing time because the birds are already being handled. This type of wormer assures an accurate dosage and maximum efficiency. Individual treatments are available to remove large roundworms, cecal worms, tapeworms and intestinal capillary worms.

Birds can be treated at the time the culls are being taken from the flock. Just insert a tablet back of the tongue of each bird and see that it goes down the gullet. With a little experience, worming of a good sized flock can be accomplished in a short time.

Flock treatment continues to be popular with poultrymen because of its convenience. Only a part of a day's time is required and wormers are available which will remove the various species. Such treatments are economical and convenient. Little mixing is required.

Monthly Worming

Since the principal worms reproduce on a 28 or 30 day cycle, a monthly worming schedule is best not only on the range but also in the laying house. This keeps the worm burden of the bird at a minimum.

Worm damage doesn't usually show up until after the pullets are in the laying house or, in the case of broilers, after the birds have gone to the dressing plant. Then it may happen that a good flock which should reach 70 or 80 per cent production will lay at 50 or 60 per cent. Layers carrying heavy worm infestations eventually break down.

Since you want only healthy, productive layers, it is sensible to provide them with the healthy helps they will need. A good worming at housing time is an essential part of placing a healthy, productive, pullet flock in production.

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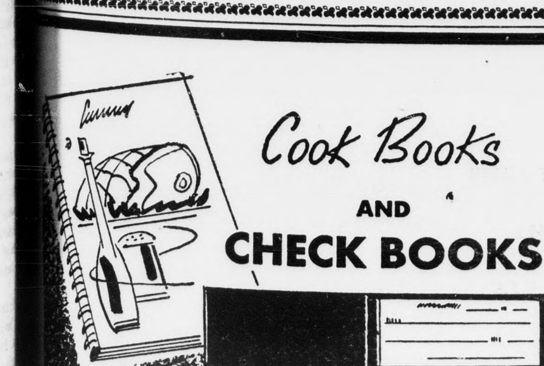

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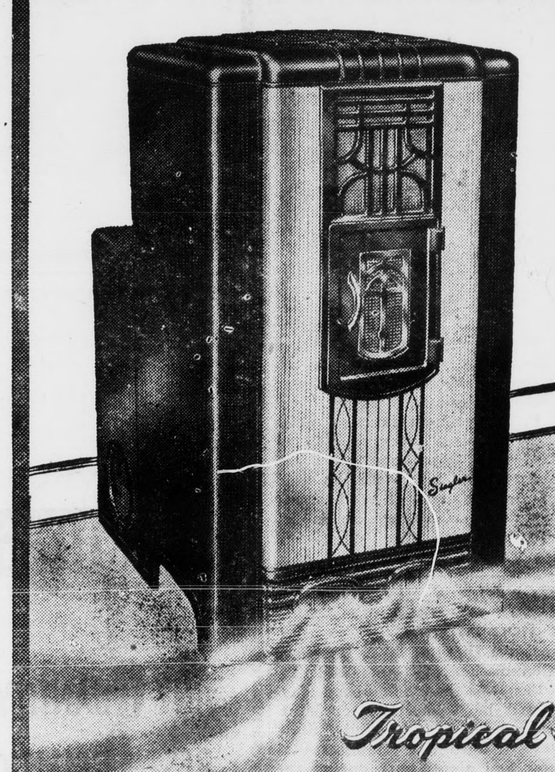

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